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LIGHTING FRANCHISE WILL BE AWARDED SOON

City Council to Advertise for Bids--Ordinance
Adopted to Prohibit Carnivals from
Showing Here--Schools to
Open September 18.

City Council Tuesday night passed an order authorizing City Manager Bailey to advertise the lighting franchise, adopted an ordinance prohibiting carnivals or similar shows from appearing in the fire district or within 300 feet of any residence, church or school elsewhere in the city, and purchased pipe and material for laying about 3,000 feet of water main and a similar amount of sewer main. It was the most interesting meeting held in many a week.

It will require about eight weeks to dispose of the franchise, the advertisements having to run four weeks and the board having to wait four more weeks before letting the contract to the highest bidder. The Southern Public Utilities Company, through Mr. J. M. Stephens, local manager, filed written notice that it would bid on it.

Council also ordered the next session of the Hickory graded schools to begin on Monday, September 18. Superintendent McIntosh was present and discussed with council several matters of importance, but definite action on most was postponed until next meeting. Mr. McIntosh will be in Newton the remainder of the week attending the teachers institute.

By far the most interesting proceeding was the discussion of an ordinance submitted by Messrs. J. R. Housley, W. A. Radisill and C. W. Bagby, designated in the charter as a citizen's ordinance, to prohibit the showing of carnivals, merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels and other shows or exhibitions in a wooden building or under a tent within the fire limits or within 300 feet of any residence, school house or church outside the fire limits. Mr. Bagby was the principal spokesman, he saying that he wished to adopt an anti-carnival ordinance to prohibit the showing of carnivals, merry-go-rounds or ferris wheels, and that he thought if the board adopted the

proposition submitted by the gentlemen it might not only cut out flying jennies, and ferris wheels, but actually eliminate chautauqua and tent showing. And when every person in the hall, including Mr. Bagby, declared he was going to see Gentry's dog and pony show if it came near.

Mr. Bagby, in defense of the ordinance, said it would prevent carnivals from showing in the fire limits and most likely to keep them out of town altogether because it would be difficult for them to meet the requirements of the ordinance. If they did come, they would have to go so far out that it wouldn't be profitable, and if a rough house was started, the city could close them up.

Every member of the board said he was opposed to carnivals, but Mayor Whitener thought merry-go-rounds, chautauqua and pony shows different things. If he couldn't hear the merry-go-round music, he said, he would want to go back to the country where the whippersnaws used to sing, the screech owls screech and the bullfrogs holler.

Mr. Bagby said council could suspend the ordinance at any time to enable shows of the better kind to exhibit in Hickory--the big shows go out of town anyway and draw big crowds just the same.

Mr. Cilley read the ordinance over carefully. "If you will include balls in it," the alderman declared, "I'll vote for it. I'm again daunted."

Mayor Whitener wanted to know if he couldn't put a merry-go-round up in his back yard, which was more than 300 feet of any residence. It was suggested that it wasn't a back yard, but a farm, and that the mayor could put up a flying jenny for the benefit of his neighbors, provided it was not within 300 feet of any house, including the mayor's.

The committee agreed to a slight amendment in the ordinance and then a vote was taken. Councilman A. P. Whitener, asserting that he wouldn't stand for a law suit, voted for it, the other members being recorded as voting no.

The committee left and Councilman Cilley turned over to an ordinance he introduced in 1914 and read it. This was changed to prohibit such shows as carnivals and Florida blossoms from showing in the fire district or anywhere else in the city within 300 feet of any residence, church or school house. All members of council voted for this.

The board then took up the franchise question and instructed the city manager to insert the proper advertisements.

Illustrated Article in Manufacturers' Record on Catawba Enterprise

Colonel Fred A. Olds of Raleigh, who was in Hickory several weeks ago, prepared while here an illustrated article for the Manufacturers' Record, the pictures showing the Catawba Cooperative Creamery and a part of the dairy herd of Mr. R. L. Shuford. The article, which is well worth reading, is a big advertisement for this section of the state. It follows:

Hickory, Catawba County, N. C., July 14. (Special.)--Catawba is showing the whole south how to do three things in a thorough fashion--how to handle and market dairy products, sweet potatoes and cowpeas. The cowpea industry started here in 1900. Catawba is in the foothills of the Blue Ridge, with red clay soil, and in common with many other counties in North Carolina, had long been a producer of the cowpeas, which in North Carolina is a staple article of food and an account of its great nutritive qualities. To a series of articles Prof. W. F. Massey wrote to the leading farm papers of the country some 20 years ago, in which the farmers of the middle west were told of the great value of cowpeas, both as a restorer of worn-out soil and as food, is ascribed the beginning of the demand among the farmers of the middle west for North Carolina cowpeas. The Catawba county farmers early took advantage of this situation and organized and standardized the business. The first year they sold 10,000 bushels of the peas, the sales increasing year by year, until 150,000 bushels were sold in the past year. The market is still through the middle west, and even to Louisiana.

The yield of peas in this county ranges from 8 to 25 bushels per acre. The prices are from \$1.50 to \$3.50 a bushel. Peas are a follow-up crop on the small farms, but there are large farms where they are grown commercially, and on these there is said to be splendid money even at \$1.50 a bushel.

In sweet potato marketing the farmers of Catawba county have shown the way to profitable activities. About 12 years a small group of Catawba farmers discussed the marketing of sweet potatoes and worked out the plan of keeping potatoes in what are known as dryhouses, to frostproof, and hold from 300 to 2,000 bushels each. Small stoves are used to keep the proper dryness of the atmosphere. As sweet potatoes bring a better price in March, April and May, it is the custom of these Cataw-

AUSTRALIA'S NAVY PLANS

(By Associated Press.) London, July 26.--Australia is working out a policy which by 1925 will give her a fleet of fifty vessels, eight of them pre-dreadnoughts, and involving an annual naval expenditure of at least \$25,000,000 a member of an Australian commission, P. M. Glynn, stated on a recent visit to England.

DAMAGE CAUSED BY FLOODS IN EAST

(By Associated Press.) New Bern, July 26.--A score of bridges have been carried away, roads destroyed and great damage done in the last 48 hours in the lowlands of North Carolina. Many streams are continuing to rise.

Carteret county and the lower portion of Craven county thus far have been the greatest sufferers according to reports reaching here today.

HUNGARY WILL DRAFT GYPSIES INTO ARMY

(By Associated Press.) Budapest, July 26.--The government has taken steps to solve the gypsy problem which has always been a serious one in Hungary, by ordering the rounding up of every roving band in the kingdom. Men of military age will be sent into the army, all usable horses will be confiscated and the women and undrafted men put to work. No one knows how many hundreds of thousands of these nomads have escaped military duty up to date, but the number is believed to be very large.

TO HAVE ENGINEER ADVISE ON BRIDGE

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt and the state highway commission have been called on to furnish plans for the bridge to be erected at the old Horseshoe ford on the Catawba river and if the commission can furnish an engineer the service will be appreciated. At a meeting Tuesday night of the committee named at the mass-meeting Monday night this action was decided on.

A concrete bridge may be selected. At any rate the committee will get the opinion of bridge experts before making recommendations to the county commissioners.

On Monday night the Hickory committee will attend a mass-meeting at Lenoir when the question of bridges will be discussed by citizens of Caldwell county.

Caldwell, Irredell and Catawba seem to be unanimous on the proposition to rebuild all bridges destroyed by the flood.

CHILD LABOR BILL ON SENATE CALENDAR

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 26.--Child labor legislation found a place on the senate legislation program today, its passage determined on by leaders after an urgent request had come from the white house. Senate Democrats at a caucus last night, over the protest of southern Democrats, to put it ahead of the shipping bill. A long debate preceded the action.

Southern Democrats wanted the senate to stand on the program not to take the bill up until December.

GUARD ON BORDER TO PROTECT COUNTRY

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 26.--In reply to a complaint from an Indiana woman who has a son in the national guard, President Wilson wrote today that the guard was being kept on the Mexican border to protect the country, not for drill, and that the service the men are performing was an honor to them and a necessity to the United States.

TWENTY-ONE DEAD IN LAKE DISASTER

(By Associated Press.) Cleveland, July 26.--Rescue forces today continued their efforts to bring down the waterworks tunnel under Lake Erie near this city the bodies of 11 workmen who were killed Monday night in the gas explosion. A rechecking of the list of those in the accident led officials to believe that the total death list would stand at 21, instead of 22, as believed yesterday.

NORTH CAROLINA HAS MOVED OUT TO SEA

(By Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., July 26.--The armored cruiser North Carolina weighed anchor at 1:30 p. m. and headed for the capes. Two torpedo boat destroyers preceded the cruiser.

STILL TALKING OF SOUTH TO GET BIG RAILROAD STRIKE

(By Associated Press.) New York, July 26.--The time allowed for the vote of Brotherhood of Railroad Engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen in the east on the question of calling a strike for short hours, and better pay expires today. The official count will be announced August 5. Officers of the brotherhoods will assemble here during the remaining days of the week. Brotherhood officials predicted that the employees would vote overwhelmingly for a strike if the railroad companies grant an eight-hour day and time and a half for over time.

GARMENT WORKERS ON STRIKE AGAIN

(By Associated Press.) New York, July 26.--The garment workers refused today to ratify the agreement entered into by their leaders with the garment manufacturers' association and were ordered back on strike by the president of the union.

BRITISH REPLY WILL BE RECEIVED SOON

(By Associated Press.) London, July 26.--Replying to the request of American Ambassador Page for expedition of the answer to the American note regarding the disposition of mails by British censors, the British foreign office today said that the reply would be sent to the United States as soon as possible, but that Great Britain still was conferring on the subject with the French government.

BOTH FERRIES READY IN A DAY OR TWO

Ferry service across the Catawba between Hickory and Lenoir was expected late Wednesday afternoon or early Thursday morning, the big cable having been received and the boat being hauled out to the river Tuesday evening. The work of installing proceeded apace Wednesday. Mr. Orin Sigmon went to Mount Hoty and succeeded in getting the cable put on a truck and it was brought in by rail.

Traffic between Lenoir and Hickory will be heavy until the railroad line is repaired--in about three weeks--as the highway will be used for carrying both freight and passengers.

The Alexander ferry will not be ready until some time Thursday.

NEGRO ARRESTED

(By Associated Press.) New Bern, July 26.--Alfred Lynch, a negro who is charged with cutting the throat of Manly Hatch, a white man, two years ago at Richlands in Onslow county, is reported to have been captured in New York, and officers have been sent to New York to return with him for trial.

MARKETS

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, July 26.--Wheat prices took an upward swing today largely because of warm weather in the northwest threatening to increase black rust damage. September sold at 1.20-1.4 to 1.21-1.8 and December sold at 1.23 and 1.24 before a slight reaction set in.

COTTON FUTURES.

(By Associated Press.) New York, July 26.--In contrast to the strength and activity yesterday, the opening of today's cotton market was a tame affair, with prices four points lower to one point higher, the active months sold up, however, on buying orders.

The market closed steady.

	Open	Close
October	13.18	13.09
December	13.36	13.28
January	13.42	13.22
March	13.54	13.26
May	13.66	13.66

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	12 1/2
Wheat	31.25

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday gentle to moderate south winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

	1916	1915
July 25, Maximum	85	90
Minimum	64	60
Mean	74 1/2	75

CONDITIONS IMPROVED IN MOUNTAIN TOWNS

Mr. D. F. Messick, who has just returned from Collettsville, Mortimer and Edgemont, reported conditions in those towns much better than they were a week ago. Provisions are holding out, he said, the work of repairing the railroad from Mortimer to Lenoir is progressing rapidly. In ten or twelve days it was hoped to use the light locomotive of the Ritter Lumber Company in hauling provisions from Lenoir. By economizing, the food supply will hold out, Mr. Messick said. The country districts were hit harder than the towns.

VETERANS MEETING AT WILMINGTON

(By Associated Press.) Wilmington, July 26.--Several hundred Confederate veterans from all parts of North Carolina were here when the first session of the state reunion was called to order at 11 o'clock. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Osborne, the chaplain, the veterans were welcomed by James C. Wright, the response was by Maj. H. A. London of Pittsboro.

A ball at Wrightsville Beach will be the feature tonight and a parade tomorrow will close the reunion.

At the initial meeting of the reunion this morning the veterans commended President Wilson for keeping the country at peace with European nations and Mexico and pledged their moral support if the country should go to war. Only the infirmities of age, they said, would prevent them from volunteering.

BRITAIN IS WILLING TO HELP STARVING

(By Associated Press.) London, July 26.--The British government, it is learned today, will consent to the plan for rationing the civilian population in the areas occupied by the German and Austrian armies under the supervision of a neutral commission appointed by President Wilson if the central powers will consent not to remove active food supplies.

Details will be given Ambassador Page in a letter later in the week.

GUARDSMEN WANT TO RETURN HOME

(By Associated Press.) San Antonio, July 26.--Application for release from service of guardsmen with persons dependent upon them now are pouring into army headquarters at Fort Sam Houston at the rate of 1,500 a week, it was announced today. Several hundred already have obtained their discharges.

S. S. MCCLURE NOT WELCOME IN ENGLAND

(By Associated Press.) London, July 26.--S. S. McClure, the American publisher who was delayed for some time by the British authorities at his arrival at Liverpool by the British authorities was returned to the United States Saturday. He had been spending some time at an unnamed health resort in the interior.

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BRITISH SCORE ANOTHER ADVANCE OVER GERMANS

Have Taken Entire Village of Pozieres and Captured Trenches on Either Side--Turks Evacuate Erzincan and Retire in Disorder, Leaving Behind Many Rifles.

INTEREST GROWS IN WATCHFUL WAITING

(By Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., July 26.--Naval circles hummed today with discussion of the unannounced and unexpected visit of the unidentified British cruiser to the lower part of Chesapeake bay, news of which became known last night after the warship returned to her patrol duty outside the three-mile limit.

Opinion differed as to the purpose of the visit. The most generally accepted version was that the cruiser's commander believed the Deutschland was moving down the bay and that he would be able to follow her to sea and force her to anchor.

Regardless of whether the commander would be capable of carrying out either of these two, it was pointed out that proof that the submarine had reached the lower bay would be of incalculable benefit to the patrolling warships.

CAPE FEAR RIVER REPORTED 33 FEET

(By Associated Press.) Fayetteville, July 26.--The Cape Fear river here today was at a stage of 33 feet, according to unofficial estimates, and slowly rising. Persons familiar with the river say if the estimates are correct, lowlands between Fayetteville and Wilmington will be flooded.

EVERY COUNTY ROADS STOOD FLOOD FINELY

Raleigh, July 26.--Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, state geologist and head of the good roads movement in this state for the past several years, said that the Avery county authorities report that the improved roads in the county have come through the floods in remarkably good condition and that the damage is not nearly so great as was at first thought. Doctor Pratt expressed the belief that this will be the case with reports from most of the other counties in the flood swept sections of the state. However, Avery is the first county to make any report on flood damage to roads.

State highway engineer W. S. Faris and Assistant Engineer Collins left for Irredell county to begin a visitation to the flood sections for personal observation and cooperation with the authorities in the work of repairing the damage. Doctor Pratt will go into western counties later in the week on a similar mission. They say that the loss of bridges will be found to be by far the most serious damage to highways and railroads, practically all the bridges having gone out with the floods.

Mr. George F. Coenraan of Newton, one of the best newspaper men in the whole state, and as fine a fellow as there is in the land, made a short visit to Hickory Wednesday.

Virney Ogles, a white boy, is under arrest on the charge of the larceny of a bicycle from Harvey Day. The wheel was recovered at Hildebran, where it was sold to a young man.

ENGINEERS IN HICKORY

Engineers Coble and Craig of the state highway commission arrived in the city this afternoon and will inspect the Caldwell bridge site later today. Secretary Joy wired Dr. Pratt at Chapel Hill before noon, and the engineers were sent here at once.

Caldwell County Will Not Ask for Outside Aid; Relief Plans Under Way

Lenoir, July 26.--At a mass-meeting of Lenoir and Caldwell citizens here today, it was made plain that no help from any outside source is desired in Caldwell county, it being announced that home people would attend to all the cases of distress reported.

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(By Associated Press.) The entire village of Pozieres for which a desperate battle has been waged for several days has been won by the British.

By completing the occupation of Pozieres the British have won another advantage in the offensive along the Somme with Bapaume as the objective. The British advance is being pushed also on either side of the village and the official statement records the capture of two trenches.

The Russian drive in Turkish Armenia has resulted in the evacuation of the fortress of Erzincan by the Turks, according to unofficial dispatches from Petrograd. The Turks are said to be retiring in disorder, leaving quantities of guns, rifles and munitions in their trail.

RULEBEN CAMP IS FAR FROM IDEAL

(By Associated Press.) London, July 26.--A dark picture of the treatment of British prisoners at the Ruleben camp in Germany, where civilians are interned, is given in a report by Dr. Alfonso E. Taylor, attaché of the American embassy at Berlin. The report reached Viscount Grey, the British foreign secretary, from James W. Gerard, American ambassador to Germany, through Walter Hines Page, the ambassador to Great Britain.

"The barracks at Ruleben," says Doctor Taylor, "are overcrowded. The Imperial authorities, after two years of war, have certainly had ample time to provide for the accommodation of prisoners. It is intolerable that people of education should be herded six together in a horse's stall and in terms of the light for reading is bad and reading is a necessity if these poor prisoners are to be detained during another winter. In the hay lofts above the stables, the conditions are even worse."

Doctor Taylor cites as an example one left 10 meters by 13 in width, with the ceiling 10 feet high in the center and four and a half feet high at the sides, where 64 men live.

"The light from the little window," says Doctor Taylor, "is so faint that the prisoners' eyes will be seriously injured if their sight is not permanently lost. And this semi-darkness will undoubtedly cause depression and mental trouble."

The report complains of inadequate heating of prisoners quarters and the lack of facilities for drying the clothes of the men, who often have to answer the call of nature in the heavy rains outside. Many things, like soap, which are usually given prisoners, even in jails, Doctor Taylor says, are not given the prisoners at Ruleben.

The report of Doctor Taylor says the writer is satisfied the camp officials are aware of what can be done to better the conditions of the prisoners, but that they have not the authority to make the needed improvements.

GREAT ARMY BILL IS UP IN SENATE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 26.--Passage of the army bill carrying more than one hundred million dollars in increases over the house measures was looked for today. Most of the senate amendments had been acted on when the bill had been taken up in the senate today.

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